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Evening and Sunday35e The Weather Today.



The forecaster at the Weather Bureau promises that the fair weather which prevailed yesterday will continue today in Washington, Marywill also be warmer. Winds shifting to southerly will prevail during this period.

A First-Rate Selection,

Mr. F. P. B. Sands, who was nominated vesterday by the President for the District Commissionership, is set down by some of the reporters as a "gold man," but by events. Mr. Sands did not cavort around the country during the late campaign denomeing Democrats who failed to wholly and completely agree with him as an archists and communists, and for this renson we are inclined to believe that he looked favorably on the regular Democratic national ticket and quite likely voted for it. If he did not, he at least held to his own convictions in a rational and setsude way and allowed others the same gravitege

It is quite likely Mr. Cleveland has appointed Mr. Sands because he believes him to have been in sympathy with the handful of boiling Democrats who amounted hast fall to little more than a flyspeck on the Democratic body politic. But, whatever his reasons, he has named a good man, and we shall be glad to see him confirmed. He will make a good governst-which is what a District Commissioner practically is. He is not only a man of pleasant address and fairly accessible, but of good judgment, energetic and

We should have been very well suited if oner Ross had been reappointed. for the reason that he has made an excelsomer and has targely assisted in giving the city a good administration of government. There is, however, force in the suggestion that he has had his full: share of preferment, and in displacing him by so an exceptionable a man as Mr. Saids there is room only for personal disappoint-

Getting Into Danger,

If Mr Henry E. Davis, who has been nominated for the essentially local position of United States district attorney, becomes sos he bids fair to become, a national issue he should be defeated-if there are Demo cratic votes enough in the Senate to con firm or defeat anybody - for the reason that be represents insubordination and rebellion

After assenting to all the preliminary procoolines of his party associates up to the nonunation of a Presidential candidate, Mr. Tracis should either have supported him of changed his uniform for that of the opposing forces. To pretend to stay with his party and set endeavor to berray it; to claim the name of Democrat and yet vility and concerly abuse those who were uplimiting the party's principles and sustain ing its candidates, admits of no excuse or defense. Therefore, if it becomes a ques tion of principle or party discipline, every Democratic vote should be cast against Mr.

The only ground on which we have suggested his confunction has been that we were not tilety to do uny better, as Mr. Cleveland is clearly determined not to be How any favors on any one of the G.000,000 Democrats who voted for Bryan. If we do not accept Mr. Davis, therefore, we are likely to get somebody worse-and in a local sense this is to be forfended, if possible.

America's Disgrace,

The government of the United States has played such a hand in bringing about alleged measures of reform offered by Spain to Cuba, and promptly and indignamely refused by the Cubans, that itreally ought not to stop at this stage of the business. Being in the line of reform brokerage, it might well seize the ever present opportunity to do a stroke or two on its own account.

These entirely respectful remarks are suggested by the fact that passengers on board of American vessels flying the Stars and Stripes, are stripped and searched in the cabins and on the decks of such vessels, in the Spanish ports of Cuba, by Spanish spies, Spanish soldiers and police officials. This outrage was recently perpetrated upon three young Cuban ladies, on the United States passenger steamer Olivette in the harbor of Havana, and it is stated to be a matter of common occurrence. The right to protection from interference on account of political matters, on vessels under our flag, was clearly defined by Mr. Blaine when Secretary of State. During his term, officers of Gustemala boarded an American steamer on which General Harrundia was a passenger, and murdered bim between decks. Our minister, who had submitted to the insult was recalled, and Mr. Blaine declared that a political offender was not to be molested on board of an American vessel, whether a passenger boat or

a war ship. It is hundilating to reflect that if a thing of this kind were done just one time on a British craft of any sort, there would be an abject apology the next day, and damages paid, or there would be instant war. Under the existing regime any- or if he is troubled too much with the in- mond was pale but cheerful looking.

body can flout the flag, insult or even nurder American citizens; and the only thing we do about it is to file a mild and perfunctory inquiry, to which no attention is paid. Coincidently, of course, we go on maintaining a costly fleet of observation and patrol to assist the Spaniards in their war on the Cuban patriots. It is all of a piece: the British capitalists hold the Spanish debt, and are unwilling that Sprin should lose Cuba. The same inter est owns us, and insists that we shall do the dirty work of the occasion, and not venture to resent outrages upon our own comparatively unimportant ensign or pro-

The Late W. P. St. John.

Although cerebral hemorrhage is stated to have been the proximate cause of death. to the case of William Pope St. John, who died last Sunday in New York, a broken heart would no doubt come nearer describing the real basis of the conditions which led to his taking off in early middle age.

There never has been a case in American history more sadiy suggestive of the croelty and fanatacism of greed and power than the record of Mr. St. John's life and persecutions for conscience sake, during the land and Virginia R past two or three years. Although president of the Mercantile National Bank in New York city, he exercised what he presamed to be a right of manhood in opposing the gold monometallic views of his fellow-bankers, and was quickly made to feel the sting of their disapproval. At a national bankers' convention to which be was a delegate, he was refused the privilege of speech, and from that time on was steadily and increasingly hounded by the What aethority does not appear. At all exponents of the gold syndicate, up to almost the time of his death.

> In 1896, Mr. St. John's advocacy of bimetallism became so open and public that he was forced to resign the presidency of his bank. After the Chicago conven tion he took the ardnous and almost hope less position of treasurer of the Demoeratic national committee. To the cause of his party he devoted time, talents and money. He is said to have contributed not less than \$40,000 to the expenses of the Bryan canvass, and probably that was nearly the extent of the financial resources at his disposal for the straggle. In January last, Mr. St. John was deprived of the three bank directorships previously held by him, and this mornification marked the beginning of physical ailments which, in the absence of mental worry and bumiliated pride, might easily have yielded to medication and rest, but which under the circumstances proved fatal within a few weeks.

> There is a sad lesson in the later career and end of Mr. St. John. It teaches us that the day is past in this country when a man can profess independent views upon the science and question of finance, to op position to the opinions and interests of the foreign syndicate which at last has won control of New York, and of the whole country. The insults and persist ent persecution which he endured were, and were intended to be, pregnant object lessons to fasten this truth in the minds of the people. But in spite of the disfavor with which he was regarded by the agents of the London financial houses, who, with the Anglo-American Wall street banking element, control American money matters. Mr. St. John will be remem bered as a sterling citizen, an able and tionest business man, and, above all, a

Another Chance for Mr. Mckinley

We have referred already a small piece of advice to Mr. McKinley, entirely disinserestedly, but also in the faint hope that if he were to act upon it his performances and those of various other persons who would be intimately concerned might add perceptibly to the gavets of nations. We try Republican government. have already urged Mr. McKinley to send for Mr. Platt, and to have him ston the Lexow committee investigation of the sugar trast. If it keeps on much longer we are fearful lest the connection of the sugar trust with Mark Banna's campaign fund of \$16,000,000 will be disclosed That, of course, is what Mr. Platt wants. Yet we believe, and have so stated to Mr. McKinley, that Mr. Platt could easily be prevailed upon to want something else.

Now for another word of advice, this to the same Mr. McKinley. The Pittsburg Commercial Gazette was free to charge during the progress of the Hanna campaign for McKinley's nomination that money considerations, which Mr. Hanna knew all about, induced Magee and Flinn, the anti-Quay bosses of Allegheny county, to support McKinley. The proprietor of the Commer cial Gazette testified that this information had been received from Mr. Richard Quay, the Senator's son, and now young Quay has been sued civilly and criminally. Naturally this angers the older Quay, for be loves his son-as what father should not? It is declared in Philadelphia that if Mc-Kinley and Hanna don't suppress their obstreperous and vindictive friends, Maget and Flinn, the backs of Magee and Flinn and also of McKinley and Hanna, will be warmed to a turn; for Mr. Quay himself knows a thing or two, and he is said to be in a position now to make public certain truths that would blow the Republican administration, as well as the Pittsburg bosses who are friendly to it, sky-high and

Let Mr. McKinley see about this right away, then. Or if Mr. Hanna is the one, let him see to it himself, personally. No matter how busy he is; nothing is more im portant. He has called Messrs. Platt and Quay mere political bables, and he has done it publicly and offensively. But they are the two unquestioned bosses of the two greatest States; they have their own comfortable scats in the Senate, not to mention several Senators that they control. They realize, after somewhat variegated political careers, that it is give as well as take in politics. They know, too, that at this particular time they can be far more important to the incoming administration than it can possibly be to them.

Mr. McKinley had better see them. He had better prevent Mr. Platt from annoying the sugar trust; he had better prevent Christopher Columbus Magee and William Flian from annoying Senator Quay. If Mr. McKinley is too busy,

have to make the first advances; but it will pay for him to make them.

A Word to Officeseekers,

Already the advance losts of the Republican officescekers have reached this town Their presence may be observed about the streets and in the hotel lobbies. They long ago made up their minds what they wanted," and they have decided to be early on the spot in order to get it, and to get it quick. This is a free country, and every free American citizen is entitled to waste his time and otherwise to make a fool of himself as long and as often as he chooses. Perhaps a word of advice from The Times, however, may not be deemed too meddlesome.

It might doubtless be susceptible of nathematical proof that not one officeseeker in ten procures the object of his desire. Something he may obtain; but ne is dissatisfied. He becomes ungrateful to the administration which has favored him (but which has not really favored him, of course), but worse than all this, he himself is soured, and usually rendered valueless for any of the real problems which are certain to confront him in his later life. He hangs about loafing; be begs for support loafing; he fills his position loafing. He goes out of it and is able to do little else but loaf. Persons in high places will lie to him, or, what is just as bad, permit him to hope.

Hope springs eternal, of course; and no warning note of ours can change this sad condition, even in a small degree. But if the average officeseeker only realized that the chance is overwhelmingly against his procuring what he want he might come to the inauguration for his fun, spend a little of his money, and then go home and employ himself at pulling his business out of the Worst financial de pression this country ever saw.

In nominating Col. George H. Weeks to be quartermaster general, the President has done what every intelligent man in the Army particularly wished him to do The people of Washington are more than content for they recognize in Gen. Weeks' promotion the proper reward due the

If Mr. Wolcott expects the Kaiser to do naything to oblige the American people in the way of remolietization he is destined to disappointment. William wants the Danish Antilles more than he de

Mr. Powell Clayton indulges in a blame worthy superfluity of speech when he observes that he will accept the Mexican mission if it should be offered.

The British government mind is fertile in expedients. Yesterday a divine of that nation opened the Senate with a prayer for arbitration.

In the House on Tuesday Mr. Coffin sayed to act in that capacity for a small Presidential veto, but it was the bill that was coffined instead. The examination of the Rt. Hon. Cecil.

the Jameson mai, develops a convenience of memory quite American. Gen Weyler has issued a decree to

force the currency of Spanish paper money on a par with silver. He is almost as much a banker as he is a soldier. The grip, from which the President elect

is suffering, has a tendency to relax that Mr. F. P. B. Sands will be remembered

as leader of the fight for the new gas company in two sessions of the Congress. Observation of the next and cheerful manthe United States in the interests of

"the best elements of society," apparently has encouraged a movement in Spain to It is said that exceptions only prove the ale. The hanging of one mil

wealthy in other States. After all it appears that Greece has been Howed to land her corps of occupation, and it is not anticipated that Greek volunteers for Crete will be debarred from enter-

Missouri should not unduly depress the

ing the island. Has any gold Democrat been elected to the United States Senate since Novem-

"Whoever controls the volume of money of any country," said James A. Garfield, once on a time, "is absolute muster of its

Mr. Foraker has not yet made up the mind of the governor of Ohio. The battleship Texas is going to Galves

ton; and if the battleship Texas should get lost, strayed or stolen, there are the advertising columns of The Times.

Mr. Foraker seems to be willing to have Mr. Hanna make it stilettes or broad-axes as he chooses.

Kline Pleaded Guilty,

Philadelphia, Feb. 16.-Harry M. Kline, ermer teller of the Farmers' National Bank of Lebauon, Pa., who was charged with making false entries in the bank's books and embezzling about \$10,000 of its funds, was this morning arraigned before Judge Butler in the United States district court shortly after he had been in He pleaded guilty, and sentence

was deferred.

Mrs. Booth-Tucker Better.

New York, Feb. 16.-Mrs. Booth-Tucker, of the Salvation Army, who is suffering from a nervous collapse, at her home in Fordham, is said today to be slightly better. Mrs. Booth-Tucker was compelled to give up her duties three days ago, and since has been confined to her bed. No

The Battleship Texas at Galveston Galveston, Tex., Feb. 16.-The battlehtp Texas, Commander Glass, arrived off this morning and anchored outside the bar. A tug with the reception comrittee who have in charge the management of the ceremonies of presenting the diver service to the Texas has gone out to receive her.

Charged With Wife Murder, Bracebridge, Ont., Feb. 16.-The trial of William James Hammond on the charge of having murdered his wife, Katie T. Hammond, at Gravenhurst, Ont., on the evening of March 5, 1896, was opened dinner here. Gov. Long was on the list here this morning, the courtroom being of speakers, and immediately following crowded to its utmost capacity. Ham-

Season's-end Sale of Shoes.

Clearing the decks-taking every incomplete lot among our finest grades of Men's Shoes-and forgetting it's the best footwear made, in our desire to get them out before the new stock comes. Loss? yes, big! But that doesn't stand in our way! WE WANT THEM

There's a variety of styles-in a variety of makes-even some of Hanan's among 'em. Five grades altogether-that we've divided into two, and put on sale this morning at the "out" prices.

The First...

-are Patent Leather, Enamel Leather and Russia Calf, Hand-sewed Shoes, on the

very nobbiest lasts that have been seen this season. They sell regularly at \$5, \$6 and \$7-high class Shoes, you see. Your pick of 'em for

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The Second...

Box Calf and French Calf, made on comfortable, stylish lasts - of sound and solid stock.

Among them are a few pairs of Cork Sole Shoes. These sell regularly at \$4 and \$4.50 Your pick of 'em for

Saks and Company,

"Saks' Corner."

At the time Gov. Long retired from

Congress Patrick Collins went out with him and the Pay State delegation was

shorn of its brightest ornaments. They

were both conspicuous in Massachusetts

and in the country, and each was highly

impelled both gentlemen to retire from Congress at the same time. The inade

quacy of the compensation of Congressmen

active practice of the legal profession

And each was correct. Collins came

back to public life earlier than Long and

gathered in the consul-generalship to

should have saved a snug sum in the four

years that he has been in receipt of th

\$66,000 which the office is believed to

The most interesting development of yes

terday's debates at the Capitol was the

fact that while Senator Chandler, the

author of the bill for an international mone

tary conference was arguing at one en-

of the Capitol, against a single gold

standard, Republican opponents were sharply attacking the proposition in the

ther wing. There was practically to

opposition when the bill for the conference

was pending in the Senate, but quite lively attacks have been made on it in

the House. They have all been from Re-

and silver men have no confidence in the

ence, even if it ever meets. But they are

o pass the measure and show the emptiness

THE EDUCATORS' CONVENTION

Discuss Important Questions,

partment of superintendence of the National Education Association began it

annual convention here this afternoon, Hon-

B. Gilbert of Newark, N. J., presiding

The first order of business was the dis

ussion of the report of a committee ap

cointing committees on "plans to collec-

work in primary schools tending to pro-

studies and the educational develops

man, superintendent of Indian schools.

note a vital confection between school

of the child and of man," by W. N. Hail-

The report produced a vigorous discussion, in which N. C. Schaeffer, superin

tendent of public instruction of Penusyl-

vania, and W. T. Harris, United State

The convention will continue until Fri

round tables," and a reception was

cial Club and the teachers of the city

MAHAN RACED AGAINST DEATH,

Marvelous Speed Made by a Burling-

ton Special Train,

Denver, Colo., Feb. 16.-H. J. Mahan.

who took a Burlington special train from

Chicago yesterday morning to Denyer, hoping to reach the bedside of his only

morning nearly four hours too late

son before death came to him, arrived this

The run made by the special between

the two cities was marvelous, the dis

tance of 1,026 miles being made in eigh-

teen hours and fifty-two minutes. The last

300 miles this morning, with a climb of

nearly a mile in the air, was made at the

rate of fifty-seven miles an hour. Young

Mahan died just as his father entered

CHIEF JUSTICE BEASLEY DYING,

He Has Filled the Office for Thirty

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 16.-Chief Justice

Mercer Beasieg, of the supreme court, is thought to be dying. He has bronchial

8 o'clock this morning. His son, ex-Judge Chauncey Beasley, and his daughters, Mrs.

Justice Gummere, and Mrs. Edward T. Green, are at his bedside. Judge Beastey's

health has been failing for over a year,

is eighty-two years of age, and has been

as have made his name familiar to

chief justice for over thirty years. His

A Railroad Enterprise,

Texas Railroad Company has organized

The road will be built from Benham to

at Austin, Tex., with \$550,000 capital.

New York, Feb. 16.-The Southwest

His present illness began last Friday

the higher courts of the land.

monia, and has been unconscious since

Years.

given the superintendents by the Concuer

tata concerning methods and courses of

Indiamanolis, Ind., Feb. 16.-The

giving the Republicans every opportu-

of silver.

tonight.

Colorado.

net its incombent each and every year,

Capitol News and Gossip

Up to a few months ago the chummaest men in the Senate of the United States were Redfield Proctor of Vermont and he is?" Fred. T. Dubois of Idaho. The former has passed three score years. The fatter only forty years old when he entered the foremost legislative body of the world. No two men who ever served in Congress were closer friends than Proctor and Dusols, save, perhaps, Senator Butler of_ ante-bellum days, father of ex-Senator regarded in the House. The same reasons M. C. Butler, and Senator Smuon Cameron. But about Prector and Dubois today! They are never seen together, and why? Here is the story as told to The Times ast night by a Republican Senator who believed they could do much better in the still devoted to Dubois, notwithstanding he fact that the brilliant and apt young Idahoan, obeying the mandates of all parties in his State; repudiated the St. Louis nominees because of the insertion | London, altogether the most fuscious pla of a gold plank in the party platform. | In President Cleveland's basket. | I

"I was never so amazed in my life," said the Senator, "when I heard that Proctor had been engaged by Mark Hanna to go into Utah and seek the influence of the Mormon Church to defeat Senator Dubois for re-election. While all may be fair in war and love, and perhaps politics, I was stonished to see a venerable man like Proctor enter into a conspiracy to preven the election of the man who was looked upon by his Senatorial colleagues as hi closest and most intimate friend. Mr. Proctor socceeded in doing what no other man has done in recent years—interested He tabored with the high dignitories of the church. For weeks to convince them that the election of any one-ben-

Rholes, in connection with his share in the Mormon leaders in the game of policrat. Populist, or what not, was preferable to Dubius, because the latter was the strongest and ablest silver leader in the Senate, and therefore would be a menace to McKinley and his gold administration Other arguments were made, such as patting a big duty on sugar so as to pro-tect the beet sugar industry of Utah, and still others, but, then, I wont mention the others.

"It is related of Proctor that while interviewing one of the Mormon apostles the latter said: 'If the church throws its influence against Dubois it might result

in the election of a Populist."
- That's all right, said Ser or, unybody is preferable to Dubois. We

"Well, I'll not prolong my story about broken friendship," continued the Sena-tor, "but I confess that Senator Proctor's course toward Dubois is inexplicable to

In explanation of the influence of the Mormon church in Idaho politics it need only he said that there are at least to 000 Mormons residing in Idaho and that at least nine of the seventy members of the legislature are followers of the teachines of the late Brigham Young.

The Idaho and Utah papers are still commenting on the outcome of the Senatorial fight in Idaho. Some of these journals have even gone so far as to call upon Mr. Heitfelt. Senator Pubois' soccessor, to resign on the ground first, that he voted for him self in order to secure his election, and, second, because he would be out of place as a United States Senator.

Representative Berry, of Kentucky, reentiv met William Jennings Bryan in Texas.

"Sorry you are not to be inaugurated in stead of McKinley," said Mr. Berry.
"Looks like it's me anyway," said Mr. Bryan, "the banks are failing, and that, you know, was what the opposition papers and orators said would happen if I was successful."

The gulf between Speaker Reed and his colleague, Representative Boutelle, is wider today than ever before. And what is going o be the outcome? Members are now speci lating on what committee assignment rascible Boutelle will get in the Fifty-fifth longress. At present he is the chairman of the Naval Committee, the most comfortable of committee berths, but there is a doubt in the minds of most men as to whether he will connect with the same place again.

It is said that there is not even a speaking acquaintance now between Recd and Boutelle, and that is taken as an indication hat the latter will not again occupy a bie place in the House so long as Reed is the oss of the game.

This will prove to be another case of reforming the tariff by its friends." The pternational conference is as much as international myth as the international agreement. Whatever legislation is adopted by the Congress on this subject will be of the vellowest possible variety. It will, however, be far from easy for the Republicans to agree upon any legislation whatever. This has become plainly ap parent at the recent hearings before the House Banking and Currency Committee where the silver men daily tied bow-knots in the several propositions offered by the indefalguable and would-be infallible Walker of Massachusetts.

John D. Long, who may be the new

Eagle Pass, via Corpus Christi and Browns-Secretary of the Navy, is a great practical ville, within eighteen months and plans joker, and is always bubbling over with good spirits when in health. A Repreto build in all about 550 miles. good spirits when in health. sentative who remembered him well while Accepted a Call From London. a member of the Fiftieth Congress, said St. Louis, Feb 16.-Rev. W. A. Foster, that at one time he was at a large public postor of the First Christian Church, of this city, has accepted a call from the West London Tabernacle, of London, Enghim came the well-renembered Richard Gunther, of Wisconsin. Gunther was land. He will sail March 6.

making one of the excellent speeches for COLONEL WEEKS PROMOTED which he is noted, when Gov. Long, who sat near the head of the table, turned toward the toastmaster, and in a sonorous

The President Has Named Him to Be Brigadier-General.

He Is a Brave Soldier and Served in Many Campaigns With Distinction,

Col. George H. Weeks, assistant quartermaster general, United States Army, stationed in this city, was yesterday named by President Cleveland to be brigadier general and quartermaster general.

For nearly a haif century Col. Weeks served with distinction, taking an active part in the warfare on the frontier in 1859-61, and again in 1877-78, and also at the front during the late civil war be tween the States. Col. Weeks is a native of New Hampshire, having been born in the town of Gilford in 1834. When he was only three years of age his father, Mr. Levi Weeks, moved to Orono, Me. from which State on July 1, 1853, the son was appointed a cadet at the West Point Military Academy. He graduated in June, 1857

He was commissioned brevet lieutenant of the First artillery and remain West Point during the two years following, awaiting orders. It was during his stay at West Point that he met and married Miss Laura Babbitt, daughter of Gen. E. B. Babbitt, U. S. A.

In 1859, Col. Weeks was transferred to the Fourth Artiflery. His command was rdered to frontier duty at Fort Randall. Neb., and Fort Ridgeley, Minn., where of the assertion, so frequently made in the late campaign, that the Republican he saw active service until 1861, when ae was called from the West and assign was, after all, the only true friend garrison duty at Fort McRency Md In 1862 he was promoted to first hen tenant and ordered to garrison duty at Fort Washington. March 24, 1862, he was promoted to be captain and assistant The School Superintendents Will quartermaster and was attached to the hird Army Corps. Army of the Petomor in the Peninsular campaign. Throughout the remainder of the war he served in carious canacities until 1865, when he New York, as chief quarterous fer of that

In September, 1874, he was promoted to major and assigned to duty at Van-conver depot. Washington Territory, to supervise the transfer of troops and property consequent upon the evacuation of the military posts in Alaska. He entered active field duty again in 1877, and acomnanied Gen. Howard in his expedition against the Nez Perce Indians. From that time until 1886, he was on duty as chief quartermaster at several posts in the West and on the Pacific stope.

In 1888 he was promoted to colonel, and commissioner of education, took a leading lepartmental quartermaster general, and ssigned to duty in New York city, who day. The afternoon session consisted of he remained until 1891, when he was ordered to San Antonio, Texas. There he remained until November 13, 1894, when he was recalled and placed in charge of the general depot, quartermaster de partment, in this city. Shortly after his removal to this city, he was promoted to sitonel and assistant quartermaster ger eral, and transferred to the quartermaster general's office, which position he still

> Col. Weeks has three children, one daugh ter, the wife of Dr. A. S. Pohlemus, U S. A.; Capt. George McD. Weeks, stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and a younger son, who is being educated at the Boston School of Technology. Cot Weeks has only a year to serve, as

ie will be sixty-four years of age next February.

THE POSTAL RECEIPTS.

The Large Offices Showed a Net Decrease of \$104,443.

Postmaster General Wilson yesterday gave out a statement showing the gross postal receipts of the thirty largest postoffices for the month of January, 1897, as compared with that of the same period of 1896. The total receipts for January, 1897, were \$2,839,911, and for January, 1896, \$2; 944,354, a net decrease of \$104,443. The eight largest offices, including New York Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, St. Louis San Francisco, Cincinnati, and Brooklyn

show decreases in receipts Only nine of the thirty offices show in creases. They are Baltimore, Cieveland, Detroit, Washington, Milwankee, Minnes polis, Providence, Albany, and Newark. The receipts of the Postoffice Department is onsidered to be a good indication of the prosperity of the times; and this statement shows a general depression of business; in fact, the decreases for January of this year have been the greatest for some years.

Miss Mather Has Recovered. Aithough Miss Mather appeared Monday night and disclosed herself in good health, the fact that she was ill in Philadelphia has occasioned general doubt as to her bility to appear the balance of the week in this city. As a matter of fact, Miss Mather is quite recovered. She appeared last night, and played with full command of her resources. She will continue to ap-pear at every performance.

WOODWARD and LOTHROP,

10th, 11th and F Sts. N. W.

Beginning this day we resume our

regular business hours-8 to 6.

of Paris, London and American Novelties in Infants' and Little Children's Outfittings, Women's Paris Lingerie, Women's Silk Petticoats, Parasols and Carriage Shades. An aggregation of exclusive novelties, rare confections that can be found here only. We think this display excels that of any previous season. The materials are daintier and prettier, and the styles are as odd, quaint and unique as any ever produced.

Opening Continued Today.

Inauguration Supplies.

Housekeeping Departments are splendidly equipped for furnishing in any quantity desired Linens, Sheets, Pillow Cases, Comforts, Blankets, etc., goods of genuine merit, at conspicuously ow prices.

Today-500 Feather Pillows, guaranteed odorless, covered with "A. C. A." ticking Size 22x28 inches.

Another 100 dozen Cotton Huck Towels,

1,800 Muslin Sheets, made of the best heavy cloth, form (not cut) from the piece and hemmed and laundered ready for use. For single bests or cots. Size 1 1-2x2 1-2 yards. 35c

Also 1,500 Muslin Sheets, double bed size (2.1-4x2.1-2), extra quanty mostin, ready for 2d floor.

New

Traveling Goods.

Traveling Goods Department is now showing all the new 1897 styles of Trunks, Bags and Tourists' Requisites, many of which have improvements and conveniences that will be appre-

Today special sale of trunks, a traveler's samples, at 25 per cent under regular prices.

They are all one size (32-inch); \$3.25 canvas or leather covered; steel; To brass, leather or malleable from To bound A most desirable lot of \$11.00

A saving of at least 25 per cent.

Picture Department

Has been removed to fourth floor, and to introduce the new location we offer today Travelers' samples of one of the largest manufacturers in this country, which we have just purchased at a price that enables us to sell them

Less than cost of manufacture. The goods are of first quality, in perfect condition, and are, as all travelers' samples are, the pick of the stock.

in white and gold and fancy oak frames; excellent subjects. Pastel Game Pictures, Regular prices, \$4 and \$5.

Genuine Water Colors, \$1.95 landscape and matine views neat and pretty frames. EACH. Regular price, \$2.98.

Artists' Proof Etchings, \$1.95 size 20x30, in five-inch Floren-tine white and gold frames-choice subjects. Regular paice, \$4,

Delft Pictures, all hand work; very daulty and pretty effects in blue pustel, with frames to match. Regular price, \$2.50.

"St. Cecilia" in colors, also "Magdalene" and Ma-Regular price, \$1.

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